

## IT'S NOW A CHURCH

The New Plymouth Congregational Church, recognized by several sister churches.

It Will Build a House of Worship at Fifth Avenue and Dolbeare Street.

Yesterday, in response to a letter of invitation issued by H. N. Walbridge, James Dolbeare and R. M. Higgins, the pastors of the Congregational churches and delegates from the churches assembled in the hall, corner of East street and Fifth avenue, to examine for recognition as a church, to be designated as the Plymouth Congregational church, the mission established on East street in October. Those seated as delegates were: From the First Congregational church the Rev. D. F. Bradley and C. W. Coit; South church, the Rev. J. E. Smith and Mrs. G. A. Pollard; Second church, the Rev. J. T. Husted and C. H. Adams; Smith Memorial, the Rev. Thomas R. McRoberts and A. Gilbert; Holland Congregational church, the Rev. J. W. P. Grandville church, the Rev. H. E. Jewell; Rockford church, the Rev. C. Finster; Alpine and Walker churches, the Rev. John Saylor and E. Manley; Dr. James Gallup, H. J. Hollister and the Rev. G. A. Pollard were also delegates.

The Rev. John Saylor was elected moderator and the Rev. Thomas R. McRoberts scribe.

Need of the Church. The council listened to a statement of affairs that led to the issuing of the letter inviting the churches to examine for recognition at that particular locality. The Rev. E. M. Higgins, who is the pastor in charge of the new organization, told of the sentiment of persons residing in that locality. He had visited 100 families and only two were not pleased at the prospect of having a church. H. N. Walbridge and James Dolbeare also spoke of the favorable sentiment of the neighborhood. After the manual of the church had been read by Mr. Higgins, the council went into closed session where the action of the mission was heartily approved and recommendation made for it to go forward with the work.

The evening session was opened by a hymn by the audience and the reading of scriptures by the Rev. C. Finster, after which H. J. Hollister spoke on "Congregationalism, Its Policy and Comity." Dr. D. F. Bradley spoke on "Congregationalism, Its Doctrine," and the Rev. J. E. Smith spoke on "Congregationalism, Its History." The Rev. J. T. Husted then extended to Mr. Higgins, in behalf of the council, the right hand of fellowship, and welcomed the church into the association. Dr. Bradley offered the prayer of recognition and Mr. Higgins pronounced the benediction.

An Auspicious Start. The church starts in with twenty-seven members, twenty-six of whom have united by letter from some other church and one on profession of faith. The Rev. Mr. Higgins has been retained as pastor. A lot of 100 feet on Fifth avenue at the corner of Dolbeare street has been secured, and as soon as the frost leaves the ground a church will be erected. Although the plans have not yet been drawn, the architectural aspect of the church will be modern, and it will be a church that no one need feel ashamed of.

## WILL REPORT AN ORDINANCE

For Percy T. Cook's Road—Other Committee Work.

Percy T. Cook and his street railroad scheme occupied a large section of the time of the committee on ordinances last night, and as a result the ordinance which he wishes passed will be reported to the council next Monday night. Percy was induced, however, to surrender the franchise he obtained from Paris township to run a line from Burton avenue to Hall street. Percy also drew up a clause to be added to the ordinance, requiring him to put up \$20,000 bonds to insure the running of the road for five years.

The committee also considered the application of Andrew Beaver and his electric company and will report an ordinance allowing them to string wire to furnish light and power to the west side and to the suburbs of the city.

Jacob Tazelaar appeared before the committee on charter amendments with a proposition from the Central Labor Union. The union is dissatisfied with the present method of letting contracts for street improvements. It is the plan of the members of the union to have the work done by the day under the supervision of some good man who has had experience in such work. The union men are of the opinion that there is a great amount of cheating in the depth of gravel placed on the streets which are improved under contracts. There was not a full committee present and no action was taken.

Frank G. Holmes appeared for Mrs. Page of the fifth ward and appeared from the assessment roll on the Carrier street sewer. He claimed the assessments are not made according to benefits. The special committee having the matter in charge will not be ready to report next Monday.

The committee on poor is considering the advisability of asking the council to allow the committee to employ a man for two or three weeks to investigate the need of some of the city charges and to investigate new cases of

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destitution. There are 400 cases now on the city books and the committee think some of them are able to help themselves.

## DIED WHILE ASLEEP

Martin Federlein Found Dead in His Bed.

Martin Federlein, aged 57 years, a carpenter employed at the Laitell iron works, was found dead in bed at his residence, No. 283 West Fulton street, last night. Coroner Brandish thinks heart trouble caused the death. Yesterday morning at about 10 o'clock Federlein complained of a pain across his lungs and heart and retired. Soon he was apparently in a deep sleep and the family allowed him to rest. At supper time he was in the same condition and his son being unable to rouse his father, called Dr. Broste, who pronounced him dead and said he had been dead several hours.

## City News in Brief

At a regular meeting of "Million Men," C. J. E. M., the following officers were elected: L. C. Harriet; Rufus, lieutenant commander; Ella Chandler; record keeper, Annie Dine; F. K. Kate Boyer; prelate, Anna Rhenyard; sergeant, Sophronia Runyan; M. A. Louise Supard; sentry, Audie Feres; picket, Alice Whitney; first E. L. Lillian Hungerford; second B. H. Elmore Lindsey.

It was expected that the new Fort street depot in Detroit would be completed January; and that the Detroit, Lansing & Northern trains would begin to run into it at that time, but the work has been delayed. Superintendent Agnew has been arranging the time tables and other minor details.

The Grand Rapids Spiritual association will hold no services next Sunday, but Helen Stuart Kienings will lecture before the association on January 1 and give tests. She is to lecture during the association during the months of January and February.

Professor Demmons of Ann Arbor, will lecture this evening before the University Extension association in the auditorium of the Fountain Street Baptist church. His subject will be, "The Mercantile of Venice."

The alarm of fire at 1:15 this morning was caused by a small blaze in Marston & Murphy's saloon, No. 66 Waterloo street. The fire caught from a stove and caused a damage of \$10.

Prof. L. R. Tait is in Traverse City attending an institute. He is expected in this city Friday to consult with L. M. Weston in regard to the Agricultural College exhibit at the world's fair.

Coroner Penwarden telegraphed to Detroit last night to Mrs. Spencer, a sister of Jefferson Freeman, to learn what disposition shall be made of the dead man's body.

The first grand ball of the Fox Light Artillery company will be given this evening at the armory on Ottawa street. A salute will be fired at 7 o'clock.

A Christmas tree will be given at St. Mark's hospital on Saturday evening. There are forty-five patients and all contributions will be gratefully received.

Maud Robinson gave a chattel mortgage for \$800 to Carrie Corey yesterday, covering the furniture and other goods, Nos. 24, 26 and 28 Monroe street.

Coroner Penwarden rendered a verdict yesterday that Harvey Hutchinson committed suicide by taking morphine. He did not deem it necessary to call a jury.

Gerrit Dykshouse and James Ludwig were arrested in Leonard's store last night for stealing a quantity of pocket knives and some other toys.

The Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy of Evanston, Ill., will deliver his lecture on "Excelsior" in the Plainfield avenue M. E. church this evening.

The Berean Baptist Sunday school will celebrate Christmas with an old fashioned Christmas tree Saturday evening.

Imperial Lodge, No. 427, I. O. O. F., will give a dance tonight in the hall corner East and Sherman streets.

Evangelist H. O. Wills will begin a series of services at the Second Street M. E. church on New Year's eve.

Franklin Lodge, A. O. U. W., gave a pedro party at N. E. hall on South Division street last evening.

Dr. Orser has begun the erection of a residence at the corner of Wealthy avenue and Carleton street.

The Milkmaids played before a small but appreciative audience at Good Templar hall last evening.

Members of the Dancing club enjoyed another dance in Hartman's lecture room last evening.

The knights of the Golden Eagle gave a masquerade ball at Patnachal Circle last night.

The first stage rehearsal of the Gondaliers was held in Powers' opera house last evening.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed at the free kindergarten on Waterloo street last evening.

Mrs. Elizabeth Heinzen has gone to Formosa, Ont., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Everett D. Comstock filed his oath of office as circuit court commissioner yesterday.

The bowling alleys of the Young Men's Christian association are open for use.

The Social Evening club have discontinued meetings until after the holidays.

Prof. William Chalmers has gone to Columbus, Ohio, to spend the holidays.

With Mrs. Chalmers will give his Christmas hop this evening at Simmons' hall.

Miss Nora Dapper has gone to Hamilton, Ont., to spend the holidays.

The teachers in the city schools will be paid \$18,795.01 today.

Church Pewes Rent Rapidly.

The result of the annual pew renting at the Fountain Street Baptist church last evening exceeded that of any previous year. The proceeds from rentals of last evening will be about \$4,400 and there are many desirable pews and sitting left, which will probably soon be taken. Quite a number of galleries were rented besides those in the body of the room. The women of the church served a supper in the church parlors from 8 to 8 o'clock which was enjoyed by many. The entertainment committee of the Sunday School was busy all the evening decorating the lecture room for the Christmas entertainment tonight.

Death of Mrs. Bishop.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop, mother of Mrs. Charles Bishop, died yesterday at the home of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Finster, No. 57 Morris avenue, with whom she has resided for several years past. Mrs. Bishop was nearly 85 years old. The immediate cause of her death was paralysis. The funeral services and interment will be at Providence, R. I., the former home of deceased.

Christmas Express Traffic.

"This was the biggest day we ever had," said Oscar Wells, agent of the

Adams Express company, last night. "The tonnage hasn't been so very heavy, as it was mostly in small, light Christmas packages. The 6 o'clock south-bound train on the G. R. & L. took out a baggage car loaded chuck full of little packages destined for nearly every state in the union, besides which three other trains each took out nearly as much, to say nothing of what all the other roads took out. The Christmas presents that are going out of this town would astonish the natives could they but see them all."

## JIM ROBINSON DEAD.

"Black Hills Scout" Found Dead in a Cell.

James Robinson, known as the "Black Hills scout," was found dead in cell No. 3 at police headquarters at 11:40 o'clock last night. At 11 o'clock the turnkey went in the cell room and Robinson was snoring heavily, but at 11:40 when he again made him a visit he was stiff and dead. The dead man had a checkered career, and had spent most of his time for the last twelve years in jail. When out of jail, he lived in a little shanty in the Black Hills and lived by systematically working the free lunch route. He was arrested last night on Trumbull street by Officer Beardon and was so drunk that he had to be carried from the wagon to the cell. Coroner Penwarden was called and the remains were taken to an undertaker.

## GAMBLERS ARRESTED.

One of Them "Squealed" After "Buckling" in Vain.

Ed Chennick, better known as "The Kid," and Ben Wolf, who gave testimony regarding the sanity of Fred Leonard, were arrested last night in the "Turk Exchange," a saloon at No. 111 Monroe street, on a warrant charging them with keeping a gambling house. William D. Wells, who claimed to be an old-time gambler and dealt a game at the "House of David," at No. 124 Clark street, Chicago, made the complaint. He claims to have lost \$200 playing the bank over the saloon.

Men who frequent the place say that Wells is a thorough gambler, of the Bohemian type, and that after losing \$200 won it back again and proceeded to get drunk, spent it in riotous living, and then wanted the \$200 back.

## VAN VOORHIS CASE REVERSED.

The Defendant Wins on an Appeal to the Supreme Court.

A despatch from Lansing last night announced that in the long-fought divorce case of Henry Van Voorhis vs. Florence Van Voorhis, the decree for complainant was reversed by the supreme court and a decree granted on Mrs. Voorhis' cross bid. She is also allowed the costs of both courts, an attorney fee of \$200 and such permanent alimony as the circuit judge may allow after a hearing. The court rules that complainant's testimony was manufactured.

## W. C. T. U. Annual.

The Willard W. C. T. U. held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Huff, No. 469 Turner street. Fifteen women, including Mrs. Bodwell, Kent county president of the union, were present.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. L. M. DeYoung; first vice president, Mrs. Sayles; second vice president, Mrs. Mary Woodworth; recording secretary, Mrs. Harriet Marvin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Eab; treasurer, Mrs. Lucy England. The treasurer reported that \$22.88 had been raised during the year, and that all but \$1.58 of it had been expended. After the business, tea was served and a short time spent in social intercourse.

## Old and Destitute.

William Robinson reported to the police yesterday that Mrs. Tibbets, a woman 75 years old was in destitute circumstances in the Hooker block on Kent street. He said she had no wood and nothing to eat. Mrs. Tibbets came originally from Jamestown where she has several grown-up boys. She is the mother of Lou, Bill and Sam Tibbets.

## Died From Exposure.

A post mortem examination was held yesterday on the body of Jefferson Freeman, who died in a house on the Knapp road Wednesday night. The heart was found to be enlarged and fatty and all the organs were suffering from fatty degeneration brought on by drink. The decision was that he died from exposure and despatch.

## Divers Larcenists Arrested.

Frank Butler was arrested by Officer Whitcomb last night for stealing an overcoat from in front of Brown's clothing store on Canal street. Soon after James Cassidy and Jack Aldrich were arrested by Officers Mulialey and Smith for performing a like offense in front of the Buffalo clothing store.

## There'll Be Lots of 'Em.

"I'm going to introduce a bill to abolish the pass," said At S. White yesterday. "The use of railroad passes by state officials and employees is a disgrace, and it ought to be wiped out. I have the bill all prepared and I shall introduce it the first day of the session."

## Contagious Diseases.

Henry Burns, age 19 years, No. 167 Lagrave street; Bernard Whitner, age 7 years, No. 184 Buckeye street; diphtheria.

## Burial Permits.

George Turner, No. 233 Seventh street; Greenwood.

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## Optics

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At Fines & Weeden's, No. 17 Fountain street. Open every evening.

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## A SOLUTION

To the question as to what to get a gentleman for Christmas is easily to be had at our store. Why not give him one of those cozy house coats that we sell from \$5 to \$18? or a neat embroidered night shirt, \$5 to \$2, a nice silk umbrella with name engraved on handle for \$5 to \$5.50; one or two of those fine heavy silk ties made by Wilson Bros., costing \$5 to \$1.50; a pair of dress-knit gloves or lined Mocha gloves, embroidered suspenders; a few pairs of the Wieren all wool, fast black German hose, we sell at 25 cents; a pair of gold plate initial sleeve buttons at 50 cents; one or two choice dress suits. Last year everybody conceded that our line of neckwear was superior in both quantity and quality to any in the city. This year we have made special efforts to have the very best and choicest effects in all the new shades and shapes of neckwear. Every tie is put in a neat box suitable for holiday souvenirs. For the boys we have a nice line of latest styles in Windsor ties; large assortment of knee pants suits, three-piece suits, cape overcoats. We think that our \$5 two-piece boy's suit is the best in the store for the money.

We have only one price. We never misrepresent goods. We handle no auction or job lot stuff. We try hard to please.

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## His Usual Christmas Display.

J. W. McGowan, 113 Monroe street, proprietor of the Central Market, has entrenched himself with the largest amount of meat, poultry, etc., he has ever before had on his premises. He is prepared for the Christmas trade, and smilingly announces he has a sufficient quantity for all. It is unnecessary to refer to the excellent quality of the meats Mr. McGowan handles; he has been too long established in the city. Every one knows they are of the highest order. Telephone 136 for your meals for Christmas dinner.

## Imperial

perfect in tone and guaranteed. See them at Fines & Weeden's, No. 17 Fountain street.

Travis, Canal street, gives you bargains in axes, ax handles, clamps, etc.

4 pounds nice mixed candy for 25c at the Van Every & Co.'s.

Beautiful ice wool shawls selling cheap at Cori, Knott & Co.'s.

Buy one hundred pounds "Lily White" flour and get a new pocket guide of the city. Contains latest map showing all streets and much valuable information. Every grocer has it. VALLEY CITY MILLING CO.

See Kramer's great offer on pastel portraits in another column. Examine his samples.

The advantages of the fine new Y. M. C. A. building for \$5 a ticket would be a fine Christmas present for any young man.

See our handsome display of pressed. It forms a scene of beauty that is a joy forever. The handsome panel "Good Morning" is liberally shown. Try our teas and coffees and secure a pretty work of art. Only four days more to secure one. The Great A. & P. Tea company, No. 108 Monroe street.

Wishes to learn to play upon some instrument. See what Fines & Weeden can do for you at No. 17 Fountain street.

Try the new painless method of filling teeth by Robinson Dental Co., No. 65 Monroe street.

Oysters at Detenthaler's. They are received fresh daily.

Don't you want some shirts? Until Jan. 1st we will make a special offer of \$3.00 per dozen on our \$18.00 and \$20.00 per dozen shirts. Laundered and best of material.

Grand Rapids Shirt Co., No. 19 and 21 South Division St.

Segel's cloak store will be open every evening until after Christmas.

Oysters at Detenthaler's. They are received fresh daily.

5 pounds fine mixed nuts for 50c at the Van Every & Co.'s.

## TOO LATE TO CLIMB.

LOST—On Monroe street, Thursday, Dec. 22, a black setts bag containing a pocket glove and an ice wool shawl. Finder will leave at the Boston store, ribbon collar with Miss Ireland.

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Fox Battery Ball.

Horsemen's Association.

Christmas Entertainments.

High School Lyceum.

Powers' Grand—Dark.

"The Dago"—Redmond's.

What is going on

at Morse's today?

Grand Clearance Sale of Holiday Goods.

Notwithstanding the fact

that the largest crowd visited our store yesterday of

any day in the history of

the house, everybody was

waited upon and found

what they wanted.

We have sold an immense

amount of goods the past

two weeks, but, although

our assortment is somewhat

broken, we still have

a great many goods left.

Clearance sale in all

departments today and to-

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